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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Briefing of Service Attaches

1. It might be salutary to mention at the IAC meeting tomorrow, to General Irwin, the fact that the Navy and the Air Force have agreed to our circular Interagency Operating Procedure of 16 February on the above subject, but the Army replied on 3 March that it could agree only if the third word of the third paragraph were changed from "include" to "consist of", i.e., "briefings will consist of a discussion of the situation in the areas of assignment.....".

2. The Army apparently is afraid that we shall say "Good Morning" and "Bon Voyage" to the Attaches concerned, or in some way do something besides "discuss the situation in the area of assignment." We think this is ridiculous nit picking but, unfortunately, it is typical delaying tactics so we see no correction in sight unless such disagreements, usually of a petty nature, are resolved within the Pentagon before coming over here. There is similar but greater disagreement on the Army's part regarding interviews with American Government officials returning from abroad which has already been approved by the other two Service agencies.

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